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Official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

10:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting (closed) on the "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council". A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org).

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:

Progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system (A/70/660 and A/70/7/Add.41)

Managing after-service health insurance liabilities (A/70/590 and A/70/7/Add.42))

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Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2016 substantive session

Sub-working Group 2

10:30 to 13:30 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 4

10:30 to 13:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 1

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 1

19:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 3

19:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 4

19:00 to 21:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/70/95, A/70/357, A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1) [item 7]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org). Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Please note that *only* scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive meeting

International Civil Service Commission
Eighty-second session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Burundi configuration

10:00	Informal meeting	Conference Room 8

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic

10:00 to 11:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Meeting with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Central African Republic and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), and the United Nations Mine Action Service
2. Other matters

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00 3rd meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Items for discussion and decision [item 3] *(continued)*

(b) Transformative agenda for official statistics (E/CN.3/2016/4 and E/CN.3/2016/5)

(c) Big data for official statistics (E/CN.3/2016/6)

(d) National accounts (E/CN.3/2016/7)

(e) Environmental-economic accounting (E/CN.3/2016/8)

(f) International Comparison Programme (E/CN.3/2016/9 and E/CN.3/2016/10)

(g) International statistical classifications (E/CN.3/2016/11)

15:00 to 18:00 4th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Items for discussion and decision [item 3] *(continued)*

(h) Industrial statistics (E/CN.3/2016/12)

(i) Information and communications technology statistics (E/CN.3/2016/13)

(j) Refugee statistics (E/CN.3/2016/14)

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Further information on the session can be obtained from the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the forty-sixth session the Commission, please *click here*.]

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Briefing

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), the facilitator (Switzerland) will hold a technical briefing on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Other meetings

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Briefing on the work of the International Law Commission (for the Sixth Committee delegates) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Italy and Peru)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Salvatore Zappalà, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail salvatore.zappala@esteri.it).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Tuesday, 15 March 2016
10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 10 of resolution 69/321 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly to consider ways and means of further

enhancing the cooperation between Permanent Missions and the United Nations Secretariat.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 February 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Representatives from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the Department of Management (DM), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Safety and Security (DSS) will be present at the meeting.

Delegations wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers are requested to send an e-mail to poliakova@un.org; with copy to muturi@un.org.

Friday, 18 March 2016
11:00

General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider agenda item 70 (Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem.

The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly,

dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Thursday, 10 March 2016

10:00	27th meeting	Conference Room 3
Following the 27th meeting		
	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Working Group

Monday, 14 March 2016
11:30 to 12:45 Conference Room A

On the margins of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Working Group of the Committee will hold a panel discussion on "Women's role in the search for Israeli-Palestinian Peace".

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Informal preparatory meeting for the seventeenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the seventeenth meeting.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus, will also be posted on the website of the Division as soon as available.

Twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22, and Wednesday, 23 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

Pursuant to paragraph 49 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/109 of 9 December 2014 and 70/75. Further information on the matter can be found on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs by *clicking here.*

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the informal consultations to the Division by *Thursday, 17 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016
10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leu@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative (s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly,

any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

Thursday, 10 March 2016
15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold an open briefing on "The Effective Adjudication of Terrorism Cases".

The objective of the open briefing is to raise awareness of the main challenges faced by judges when adjudicating terrorism cases and highlight the special role of Supreme Court Justices in strengthening States' capacities to bring terrorists to justice.

The participants will include Associate Justice Stephen Breyer of the United States Supreme Court and several Supreme Court Chief Justices and Justices from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Mr. Breyer's participation will mark the first occasion on which a sitting Supreme Court Justice of the host country has participated in an official meeting at United Nations Headquarters.

The briefing will be open to Member and Observer States, members of the media (including photographers with valid accreditation), United Nations staff members and interns, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, and specialized agencies, as well as invited guests with a valid pass.

Participants without a valid United Nations ground pass were requested to complete the online registration form (please *click here*), please note that the registration closed on 5 March. Additional information is posted on the Committee's website (please *click here*).

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail sestito@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Friday, 11 March 2016
10:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope

and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail tanoy@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for

which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

Thursday, 10 March 2016

08:15 to 09:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E
18:15 to 19:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E

On the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the Permanent Missions of Botswana and Madagascar (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)).

Friday, 11 March 2016

08:15 to 09:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E

On the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the Permanent Missions of Botswana and Madagascar (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)).

Sixtieth session
(14-24 March 2016)

Monday, 14 March 2016

10:00 Opening meeting

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2016/1 and E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, the members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations *as soon as possible* (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat *by Thursday, 10 March 2016*, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *list of speakers for the general discussion* is open. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the

Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; Room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The general discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 14 March, in the morning, and will continue in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 15 March; in the morning (*from 12:00 to 13:00 only*) of Wednesday, 16 March; in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 18 March; and in the morning of Wednesday, 23 March. For the schedule of the general discussion under agenda item 3, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

Ministerial round tables

The Commission will hold four ministerial round tables in the afternoon of Monday, 14 March 2016. For further information, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2016/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2016/5).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister and to indicate their first and second preferences for participation in Ministerial round tables C and D, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), as round tables A and B, are oversubscribed.

Interactive dialogue with ministers

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the minister wishing to participate in the "Interactive dialogue with ministers" on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; Room S-1286; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Due to time constraints, a limited number of ministers will be accommodated on a first-come.

There will be no established lists of speakers for all of the interactive events, including the Ministerial round tables.

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixtieth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the p*articipation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

Reports of relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixtieth session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016
10:00 1st meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Monday, 21 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day. The theme of the event is "Forests and Water Sustain Life and Livelihoods".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forests, water and economic development and a general discussion on the theme "Forest and water are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Friday, 18 March 2016*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is three minutes. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing on the Conference on Preventing Violent Extremism, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland (7-8 April 2016) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT))

Thursday, 10 March 2016
10:00 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Emilda Nylander-Smith, CTITF (e-mail smithe@un.org).

Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) (on large movements of refugees and migrants)

Thursday, 10 March 2016
11:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Informal briefing on "The establishment of a UN Live Museum" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark and by the Association for a United Nations Live Museum)

Thursday, 10 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room F

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kit Clausen, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail kitcla@um.dk; tel. 1 (917) 535-6736).

Briefing on the ILO report "Women at Work Trends 2016" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Brazil and Sweden and by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
08:30 to 09:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).

High-level forum on "Investing in adolescent girls to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Renata Cap, UNFPA (e-mail cap@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-5187).

Dialogue with Member States on the rule of law at the international level on "Strengthening the Rule of Law through the United Nations Security Council" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Japan and the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General) (on behalf of the United Nations Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).

Informal briefing on the latest developments regarding the measures being taken in response to incidents of sexual exploitation and abuse, as contained in the Secretary-General's recently released report on the subject (A/70/729) (by the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support (for the members of the Fifth Committee)) (organized by the Department of Field Support)

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

Event on "Monitoring Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Friday, 11 March 2016
13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact the UNESCO New York Office (e-mail newyork@unesco.org).

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 Closed meeting Conference Room F

Consultation on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Friday, 11 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Forum on "Leave No Woman's Issues Behind" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Grenada and My Sisters' Health Watch Team)

Monday, 14 March 2016
15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Grenada (e-mail grenada@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 599-0301); or My Sister's Health Watch Team (e-mail unescocforge@gmail.com; tel. 1 (516) 943-3174).

Round table on the Second Anniversary of the adoption of the General Assembly resolution entitled "Territorial integrity of Ukraine" (A/RES/68/262) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Thursday, 17 March 2016
13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Volodymyr Mialkovskyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail mialkovskyi@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).

Event on "Planning, designing and building websites for permanent missions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016
10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

List of participants

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, States will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing

ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Regarding signature of the Paris agreement, please see page 24.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here);* or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches

Security Council documentation

General Assembly documentation

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).